

**REMARKS**


By the above Amendment, claim 15 has been amended to correct an error presented in the Amendment filed on December 19, 2001. More specifically, claim 15 has been amended to remove the word "or" and the structure to the right of the word "or" which were inadvertently included in the amended version of claim 15 presented in the December 19, 2001, Amendment. Additionally, an amended version of claim 15, showing the replacement of "reing" with --ring--, is included with the instant Supplemental Amendment to satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii).

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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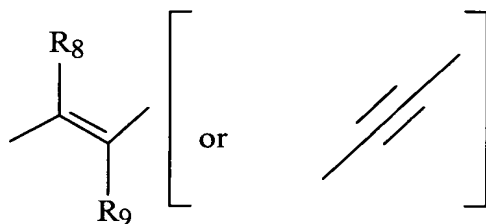
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**Attachment to Supplemental Amendment dated February 1, 2002**

**Marked-up Claim 15**

15. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 12, having at least one of the following groups:

- R<sub>1</sub> represents the radical -COR<sub>6</sub>;
- Ar represents a radical of formula (a) or (d);
- X represents the radical:



- R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub>, taken together, form with the adjacent aromatic ring a 5- or 6-membered [reing] ring, optionally substituted with methyl groups and/or optionally interrupted by an oxygen or sulfur atom.